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BOAT TURNS TURTLE IN SOUND

Gasoline Launch Wrecked in
High Wind Off Point De-
fiance, Near Tacoma, and
at Least 3 Are Drowned

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Jan. 15.—Two boys and a woman are known to have been drowned today and ten persons were rescued, all suffering from more or less severe cuts about the face and hands when the gasoline boat Victor was wrecked off Point Defiance, near Tacoma, in a squall.

According to Captain Hood, all of his passengers have been accounted for, but survivors claim several persons boarded the boat at Old Town, after the captain had made his count, and that some of these were probably drowned.

The recovered dead: Walter Bower, 7 years old; Florence Bower, 17 years old, of Fox Island; unidentified boy about 15 years old.

The rescued: Wm. Clark, George W. Babcock, Pete Sandberg, R. H. Wayson, John Sylvester, Mrs. O. S. Bower, Miss Bower, Charles McGinnis.

It was difficult to secure a complete list of the survivors and injured by reason of the confusion attending the rescue work. Five or six persons are believed to have been brought to the city on launches and tugs and to have been sent to their homes in various parts of the city before a check could be made. One report states that 18 passengers were on board the Victor, besides the crew of three, when she left Old Town. If this is correct, the death list will be increased.

Captain Wood, however, is positive that only three were drowned. The wreck occurred when the Victor was about a mile and a half off Point Defiance, bound for North Bay ports, and was caused, passengers say, when a sudden squall from the north struck the vessel and caused her cargo of lumber to shift. This heeled the little boat over and allowed the water to pour into the cabin through the open windows. The engine room was flooded and the boat immediately began to slowly sink. Panic seized the passengers and a wild rush for the upper deck, where the lifeboat swung at its davits, was made. Men frantically kicked and pounded at the windows to gain their freedom from the rapidly filling cabin.

Finally the lifeboat was successfully launched, but not until several of the passengers had been thrown or fallen into the icy waters of Puget sound. Some were held up by hastily donned life preservers. At this time the steamer Atalanta, passing nearby, was attracted by the signals of distress and made haste to come to the rescue. Lifeboats were lowered and those struggling in the water were taken on board and later brought to the municipal dock in Tacoma.

All were suffering from cuts, caused by breaking window glass in the cabin of the sinking ship, and from exposure to the intense cold. Wm. Clark collapsed from exhaustion and immersion in the icy waters and was unconscious when taken on board the Atalanta. Mrs. Bower, mother of Walter and Florence Bower, who lost their lives, was taken to a hospital in a serious condition. Wm. McGinnis is at a hospital, also seriously injured, apparently by being struck by floating timbers.

Tugs towed the sinking Victor to Salmon Beach, and there beached her. When the tide goes out an exploration of the nearly submerged boat will be made to determine whether there are any bodies in her cabin.

DIPLOMATS FROM MONTENEGRO GO TO ALBANIAN CITY

Rome, Jan. 15.—While the Austrian ring of iron has compelled evacuation of the Montenegrin capital, Cetinje, the diplomatic corps has fled that city and reached Scutari, Albania, according to Austrian advices via Munich today.

Montenegrin stragglers are likewise entering Albania to escape capture. Meantime, Montenegrin guerrillas are harassing the victorious Austrians and bloody fighting is in progress northeast of Scutari.

The whereabouts of King Nicholas and his force, which withdrew from Cetinje, is a mystery, but it is believed the sovereign is heading for Scutari, where he will negotiate concerning the proposed separate peace with Austria.

The Cetinje forces were virtually surrounded at last reports. Their only path of retreat is along a 45-mile gap to the south, leading through the northern Albanian mountains, where hostile Albanians would attack them.

It is believed here that the hopelessness of the situation prompted King Nicholas to accept an armistice with Austria, though reports as to this are still unconfirmed.

Pessimism over the consequent blow to Italian prestige in the Adriatic was somewhat dispelled today with news that the French submarine Foucault, attached to the Italian fleet, had sunk an Austrian scout cruiser of the Navara type.

AUSTRIANS LOSE 100,000 MEN, IS PETROGRAD REPORT

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
London, Jan. 15.—The Austrians lost 100,000 men, including 10,000 prisoners, in the recent Russian offensive, according to the Chronicle's Petrograd messages today.

How desperate was the Austrians' plight was indicated from the fact that the Austrian general, Bothmer, to keep his troops from retreating across the Strya river, destroyed bridges in the rear. Then, clinging to the east bank, the Teutons were exposed to a tremendous fire from the Russian artillery.

"The offensive," said the dispatch, "covered the period when the allies were strengthening their positions in the near-east, and it held off the Germans while the work of fortifying and landing at Saloniki and evacuating Gallipoli peninsula went forward. So far, it served its purpose. Moreover, it warned the Germans that the initiative is gradually slipping from their grasp."

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(By United Press Leased Wire.)
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FORD PEACE JUNKET IS AT AN END

Delegates Are Returning to
the United States, Leaving
Rotterdam on Holland-
American Liner Last Night

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

The Hague, Jan. 15.—The Ford peace junket is at an end—and the boys are still in the trenches.

Delegates packed madly today, joyous at the thought of seeing before another week-end the statue of liberty looming out over New York bay. They did their farewell sightseeing, and planned to go to Rotterdam this afternoon, where tonight they will board the Holland-American liner Rotterdam. Several of the leaders, however, are remaining to help start the permanent peace tribunal, through which the Detroit auto man hopes to bring nearer the day when peace is again a reality. This tribunal, however, will hold no sessions for several weeks. The Scandinavian nations have not named their members and no word of acceptance has come from former Secretary Bryan, Miss Jane Addams, Henry Ford, Dr. C. F. Aked, nor Mrs. Joseph Fels and other American members.

Schwimmerites and anti-Schwimmerites are fiercely contesting over places on the tribunal.

The permanent tribunal probably will cost Ford \$10,000 weekly.

UNLAWFUL TO SEPARATE
ALCOHOL FROM CIDER

Oregon City, Jan. 15.—The cream separator is an added attraction on Clackamas county farms today.

"If you run apple cider through a separator," writes a farmer, "practically pure alcohol comes out of the cream spout and a tasteless liquid out the other."

This farmer wrote to District Attorney Hedges asking if it is a violation of the prohibition law for him to separate his cider.

"It is," says Hedges.

PREPAREDNESS WINS
IN PORTLAND DEBATES

Portland, Jan. 15.—Preparedness sentiment is stronger today among college folk as a result of two debates last night. The preparedness side won in both contests.

Taking the affirmative, a Reed college team in Portland won from the University of Washington debaters. At the same time another Reed college team on the negative side lost to another Washington team in Seattle, debating the same question.

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S. P. AGREES TO RATE ON BEETS AND SUGAR

San Francisco, Jan. 14, 1916.
The Courier,
Grants Pass, Ore.

After two days' conference with its officials the Southern Pacific company granted the Oregon-Utah Sugar company the rates on sugar and sugar beets and made the other concessions asked for. The officials all expressed a desire to help the development of Rogue River valley.

The matter is still pending with C. and O. C. railroad, with a decision expected by Monday. The sugar company is now ready to let contract for factory and I am returning to Salt Lake City for that purpose.

GEO. E. SANDERS.

VON BERNSTORFF REFUSES TO TALK OF PAPIER PAPERS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 15.—"The nature of the von Papen papers is of no official interest to me," commented German Ambassador von Bernstorff today, refusing to discuss the case in detail.

The envoy's position is that while he gave von Papen money, it was a matter of convenience and that the attaché accounted for it to Berlin and not to the embassy.

Concerning the \$700 payment to Werner Van Horn, alleged dynamiter, it is expected the embassy will maintain that it was for Van Horn's defense as a German citizen.

LOVE-SICK YOUTH
TAKES POISON AND DIES

El Centro, Cal., Jan. 15.—Douglas Call, 19-year-old high school boy, today committed suicide by swallowing poison. He left a note, addressed to a high school girl friend, 17 years old, saying:

"Good-by, Estelle. Dear incarnate angel. Good-by to all those who are interested in me in any way. I have loved. I can not live this way any longer."

OIL LAND LEASING BILL IS PASSED

Washington, Jan. 15.—The Ferris oil land leasing bill passed the house at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Washington, Jan. 15.—That the house will grant relief to California and Wyoming oil operators who were dispossessed by an order withdrawing certain oil lands issued by Wm. H. Taft as president, seemed certain today. In committee of the whole the house adopted provisions of the mineral leasing bill, which will grant leasing rights to operators in the two states.

The provisions would grant no patents, but would permit the operators to continue on leases under conditions which are said to be satisfactory to them.

If the provisions are incorporated in the bill, claimants must surrender their lands to the government and then the secretary of the interior will grant the leaseings.

California oil producers ousted from public lands by the Taft order withdrawing certain of these lands will be given preference under the Ferris bill.

EXPECT NEW CONFESSION
FROM NEGRO CHAUFFEUR

Providence, R. I., Jan. 15.—Rumors that Mrs. C. F. Mohr's negro chauffeur, George Heals, was about to make a fresh confession, exonerating her from charges of participation in the murder of her husband, a prominent local doctor, were current today. The state found itself at the close of the first week of the trial of Mrs. Mohr and her alleged negro accomplices with scarcely any advantage. Next week's session, however, may decide the case.

EXPLOSION IN SUBMARINE KILLS 4

The E-2 Blows Up in Brook-
lyn Navy Yard, and of a
Crew of 35 Few Escape
Without Serious Injury

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Jan. 15.—An explosion which ripped off the top of submarine E-2 at the Brooklyn navy yard, is known to have claimed four lives, and perhaps others. Stories outside the yard said, indeed, that five men had perished outright in the blast, and that upwards of 15 were probably fatally injured. Officers refused information of the disaster until the list of victims has been prepared, but it was unofficially admitted that "over three or four" were killed.

Trouble with batteries was assigned as the cause. A wave of flame swept the interior of the undersea vessel just after the explosion, trapping the men in the hull, and leaving the manholes in the rear as the only means of escape.

Some of the injured appeared dead, and for a time it was impossible to tell just how badly they were hurt, because black smoke and grime covered their wounds and made them appear almost like charred bodies.

It was believed that probably many of the crew of 35, most of whom were aboard when the blast came, were seriously burned as they fought their way through the smoke and flame filled diver to the exits. Some of those who fought their way to the outside were cloaked in flames.

The submarine was at the yard for repairs. When it became apparent that the accident might have been more serious than at first indicated, the navy yard was closed. The officials withheld authoritative information and cloaked the whole affair in mystery.

The explosion is the second disaster of recent months aboard United States undersea vessels. The other incident was the sinking of the E-4 at Honolulu with all her crew aboard.

The commandant declared later that his list showed the following dead:

Plumber Logan.
John Schultz, yard workman.
Two unidentified men, one of whom was an enlisted sailor.

Ten men were injured, among whom was Chief Electrician Miles, whose condition is critical. Officers said there would be a further search, but it is believed that all the bodies were taken out.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who was in New York to make a speech, is believed to have gone to Brooklyn as soon as he heard of the explosion.

PUBLICITY OF VON PAPIER PAPERS MAY QUIET U. S. PROTEST TO ENGLAND

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

London, Jan. 15.—The British foreign office executed a clever stroke, officials declared today, in making public at this time the seized documents of German Attaché von Papen, regarded here as showing the source of payments for anti-ally activities in America. Well posted authorities believe the publication of these, together with England's furnishing them officially to the United States state department, will check American agitation for protests against the British blockade.

One official commented: "We believe President Wilson will hesitate,

DEBATE QUESTION OF ADOPTION OF SWISS SYSTEM

By a vote of two to one the debating team from the Medford high school won from the Grants Pass team at the local high school auditorium Friday evening. The question was "Resolved, that the United States should adopt the essential features of the Swiss military system." The home team supported the negative of the question. Juel Bestul and Raymond Lathrop were the Grants Pass debaters, the honors of Medford being upheld by Hugo Lundberg and Fred Henselman. The Judges, S. A. Davis, of Central Point, and B. G. Harding and Miss Streets of Rogue River, stated that the debate was one of the best they had ever heard by high school students. The Medford team will now meet the winner of the Ashland-Talent debate for southern Oregon laurels.

The high school orchestra and the school victrola supplied the music for the evening.

BODY OF SANTA YSABEL
VICTIM AT BERKELEY

San Francisco, Jan. 15.—The mangled corpse of Charles A. Pringle, local mining man, victim of the Santa Ysabel massacre, reached here today (1 p. m.) from El Paso. Sorrowing relatives and friends met it and escorted it to an undertaking establishment in Berkeley. The funeral will be held from Grace cathedral Monday afternoon, with burial in Mountain View cemetery, Piedmont.

CETTINJE DESERTED BY MONTENEGRINS WHO ARE FLEEING

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Vienna, Jan. 15.—Abandoning the Montenegrin capital, Cetinje, the Montenegrins retreated along the whole south and west fronts toward Albania, said a war office statement today.

This told, too, of a renewed offensive by the Slavs around Cernowitz. "The Russians," said the statement, "attempted to break our Bessarabian front near Toporoutz, east of Rarancez, north of Cernowitz. Five great attacks failed, and well directed artillery fire contributed nobly to the repulse of the enemy."

"Since the beginning of the battle in east Galicia and Bessarabia, the Austrians have captured 5,100 prisoners."

SLAV LOSSES HEAVY
IS TEUTON REPORT

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Vienna, Jan. 15.—"Russian losses in the renewal of their offensive near Cernowitz are appalling," said the war office tonight. "One thousand Russian dead were counted before the positions of one Austrian brigade."

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pending an investigation of Ambassador von Bernstorff's connection with the von Papen payments, and will discover whether Teuton submarine leniency is actuated purely by a spirit of friendship for America or for the purpose of better carrying out of the campaign of frightfulness in America."

Responsible officials stated that England will not abandon her blockade against Germany, despite possible American protests.

They held, too, that though this was originally a measure of reprisal against Teuton submarine attacks, it has now developed into a legal war blockade.

AMERICANS FLEE FROM MEXICO

Refugees Leave the Terror-
Stricken Country, Desert-
ing Property and Joining
Many Others at El Paso

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

El Paso, Jan. 15.—Fearing that Villista bandits would give them short shrift, as in the case of 15 Americans murdered at Santa Ysabel, cowering refugees from northern Mexico poured in here today. Many of them left behind abandoned property or rich prospects; and because of this armed with assorted mining and cattle men already here in the neighborhood of the administration for what they called lack of proper protection for American citizens south of the border.

On the whole, however, the city seemed to have lost some of its first fiery fury over the Mexicans. United States troops still kept guard over portions of the city. Last night they marked off the Mexican section and permitted Mexicans to quit it, nor any Americans to enter it, but the previous night's rioting had remained.

Officials sought to learn why two American soldiers were in a group of 52 refugees who reached the border last night from the Guadalupe district. The year was discovered 15 miles south of the boundary.

Included in the party were all the force of the Guadalupe plant in Chihuahua. Carrancista authorities in Juarez described themselves today to afford protection to the Mexican colony of Americans at Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, for all efforts to induce them to flee have proven unavailing.

With some of the funerals of Santa Ysabel victims already held, plans were made for burying Manager Watson of the El Paso company, a Mexican burial tomorrow, and W. J. Wallace similar services Monday.

Simple funeral services for the dead Corporal Hester provided no demonstration. Today the body rests within a vault, awaiting the time when it may be taken back to his native land in keeping with his dying wish.

How weak Villa's regime now is was indicated by dispatches stating that his personal following is only forty, while his whole cause is now in the hands of scattered guerrilla bands, numbering only a few hundred.

Press dispatches tended to confirm that Manager Watson of the El Paso Santa Ysabel party had refused a military escort, apparently believing that he and his party were entirely secure without them, and that perhaps such a guard would only draw the fire of bandits along the route.

NO MORE FEDERAL CASH
FOR PORTLAND SLOUGH

Washington, Jan. 15.—Saying that the Portland, Ore., harbor commission will take over further improvement of the Oregon slough near Portland, the board of army engineers reported to congress today that further appropriations there be stopped.

FLOODING ZYDYR ZEE
CAUSES 10 DEATHS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—Sixteen persons have been drowned at the island of Marken, 10 miles north of here, following the breaking of dykes before flood waters. The situation there is extremely serious. Telephone communication is broken.

Whole districts are isolated by water sweeping through a break in the Zydyr Zee dyke. Polcers is inundated. The railway from Rotterdam to Dordrecht is partly destroyed. Soldiers at Fort Durgardam spent the night in a cupola, and were rescued at daybreak by ships.